

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 2, lines 1 to 16, replace the paragraphs with the following amended paragraphs.

One ~~import~~important precondition for reaching the above riding behavior is a respective configuration of the wheels of the sports device. It must allow a certain maneuverability on the one hand and must ensure a respective steering behavior on the other hand in order to enable a change of direction, as in skiing.

A wheel is known from WO 00/27490 which can be used for inline skating. This wheel comes with an outside rim which is resiliently held relative to the inside rim in order to buffer shocks. A wheel is further known from WO 98/41295 which is also intended for inline skaters. In order to achieve a predetermined braking behavior when the skater moves transversally, a toroidal tire is provided which can turn about its own axis and thus allows a respective braked lateral movement of the wheel. Both prior known wheels as described above are not able to simulate the riding behavior of a ski in deep-snow skiing. In particular, the known apparatuses do not allow operation in rougher terrain.

The riding behavior can also not be adjusted according to the desired deep-snow riding behavior with wheels which are equipped in a conventional manner with pneumatic tires as disclosed in U.S. Patent 5,535,800, for example.